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Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation For Airline and Related Workers (TEUC-A)

Nashville- Additional unemployment benefits for unemployed airline and related workers are now available under Public Law 108-11, the Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The program will offer benefits to eligible claimants beginning the week ending April 26, 2003.

Potentially eligible individuals who have exhausted all entitlement to regular and extended unemployment benefits and who are currently unemployed should receive a notice in the mail in the next week. This notice will address the possibility of receiving 13 to 26 more weeks of benefits. Unemployed airline and related workers who believe they are eligible should complete and mail the claim form to the area offices of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development to file a claim.

Those who earned the wages that established their claim working for an airline or related industry and believe their job loss was, at least partially, the result of terrorist actions of September 11, 2001 should apply for the benefit, if they are currently unemployed. Airline and related industries are: air carriers, businesses operating at an airport, businesses that perform additional, value-added production processes for air carriers or businesses providing products, supplies and services that are received or utilized by an airline.

Unemployed airline and related workers who were laid off as a result of security responses to the 911 attacks, or the closing of an airport or as a result of the military conflict in Iraq will also be candidates for the extended benefits.

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